GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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SALE OF BANNED DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several medicines banned in many foreign countries are still being allowed to be used in India;

(b) if so, the details of such medicines; and

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government against the companies still selling these medicines?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (c): There is no system of global banning of drugs. Drugs withdrawn or not permitted in one country may continue to be used in other countries depending on the indications and dosages permitted as well as overall benefit risk profile of the drug. There is an adequate mechanism to review the status of drug formulations in the country as and when any serious adverse event is reported in the international journals or when the drug formulation is withdrawn or prohibited in one or a few countries.